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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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WEATHER Alternate cool and warm spells during the week gave daytime averages that were a little below normal for this time of the year. However, warm nights brought weekly mean temperatures that ranged from near normal to 2 to 4 degrees above.

Precipitation was confined to the early part of the week with none falling after mid-week. The west, central, and south central portions received generous rainfall with totals ranging from one to over two inches. Local downpours of 3 to 5 inches were reported in the south central portion. In the remainder of the State totals were generally less than an inch.

CROPS Harvest of row crops was slowed during the past week by rain and wet fields. Also the moisture content of the grain, particularly grain sorghum, held to a high level, creating a storage problem unless artificial drying was available. Moisture content of the harvested grain was running about 22 percent for corn and 14 percent for sorghum.

At the close of the week slightly over 15 percent of the corn had been harvested with a little more than 60 percent of the sorghum combined, and about 65 percent of the soybeans had been cut. The greatest progress in harvest occurred in the east central and south-east counties where precipitation was light. Harvest operations will accelerate rapidly once fields become dry enough to support machinery, and moisture content of the grain declines. Several reports indicated stalk and root rot was causing corn and sorghum to go down, and corn borer damage was causing a rather heavy ear droppage when high winds occurred.

Moisture was beneficial to winter wheat in the southeast counties. Some low spots in fields were covered with water in the central and south central areas. Heavy rains in localities of the west caused some severe washing.

Lifting of sugar beets slowed as fields were muddy and farmers were waiting until soil dried sufficiently for field operations as well as reducing dirt clinging to the beets. Some potatoes remain to be harvested in the Panhandle area.

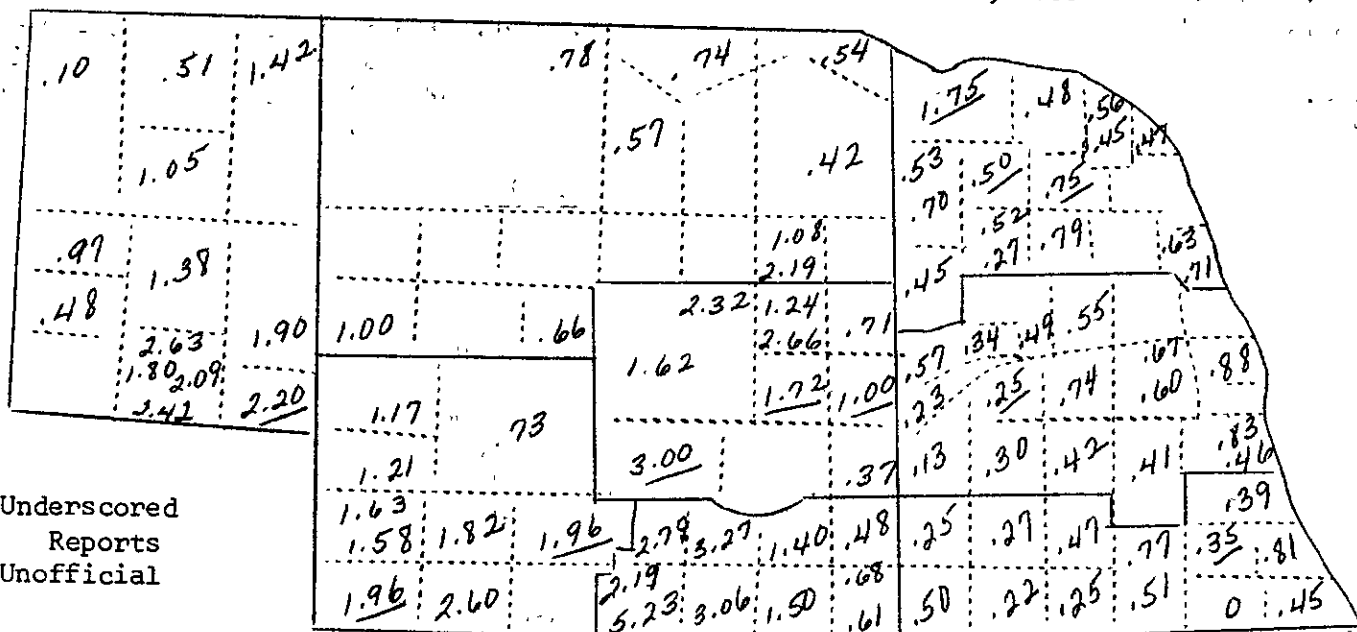
Range and pasture feed continues in good supply. Ranchers are moving stacks of hay to feed yards. In areas completing harvest of row crops, cattle are being turned in to glean fields.

LIVESTOCK All livestock continued in good condition. Feed lots were extremely muddy in the west and central parts of the State, making feeding operations more difficult and limiting gains on animals. Movement of stocker and feeder cattle is starting to accelerate as feeders start to fill lots or buy replacement animals. Inshipments of stocker and feeder cattle into the State totaled 181,000 head for September, a 32 percent increase over the same month last year. Lamb arrivals for September were 61,000 head, compared to 63,000 a year ago.

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 24, 1965

East		Central		West	
Grand Island	.27	Burwell	2.19	Chadron	.47
Lincoln	.41	North Platte	.41	Imperial	1.38
Norfolk	.52	Valentine	.69	Scottsbluff	.97
Omaha	.88			Sidney	2.42
Sioux City	.47				

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 22, 1965



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:01 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:00 a.m., CST)

		October 18th		19th		20th		21st		22nd		23rd		24th	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	50	38	63	45	57	28	67	37	73	43	63	31	80	44
	Scottsbluff	51	38	59	43	57	30	65	38	72	40	73	34	76	39
	Sidney	52	37	58	41	54	28	62	38	69	41	69	33	77	45
NC	Burwell	61	45	54	39	59	26	60	28	74	38	57	25	69	--
	Valentine	59	44	52	41	55	24	64	35	71	40	56	30	78	40
NE	Norfolk	72	51	64	49	59	37	58	28	73	50	56	27	62	42
	Sioux City	78	58	71	50	58	40	62	30	71	52	54	29	60	38
CEN	Grand Island	63	44	58	43	63	35	61	30	73	44	59	28	64	41
EC	Lincoln	76	56	69	51	62	41	60	33	70	50	59	31	59	46
	Omaha	78	57	70	49	58	42	59	34	65	48	55	27	55	41
SW	Imperial	55	41	55	44	59	31	65	38	71	45	70	34	76	45
	North Platte	59	35	53	35	61	24	64	33	75	40	66	30	72	40

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